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POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below under our names.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD AND PROCESS FOR PREDICTION OF SUBSURFACE FLUID AND ROCK PRESSURES IN THE EARTH**, the specification of which was filed on January 9, 2004, receiving the Serial No. 10/755,198.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S.C., Sec. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, U.S.C., Sec. 120 of any United States application or under Title 35, U.S.C., Section 119(e) of any provisional application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in any prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, U.S.C., Sec. 112. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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We hereby appoint the attorneys associated with **Customer No. 48734** as attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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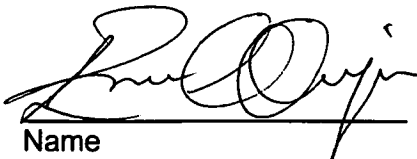
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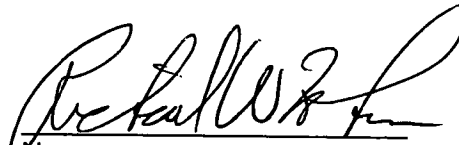
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